

V Sitting No. 54/63.

Cabinet Meeting held at the Auberge d'Argon, Valletta, on Friday, 20th December, 1963, at 5.30 pm.

Present: The Hon. Prime Minister
 The Hon. Minister of Industrial
 Development & Tourism.
 The Hon. Minister of Education.
 The Hon. Minister of Agriculture,
 Power & Communications.
 The Hon. Minister of Justice.
 The Hon. Minister of Works and Housing.
 The Hon. Minister of Labour and
 Social Welfare.

Absent: The Hon. Minister of Health who
 was unwell.

OPM 558/63.

Revision of Customs and Trade Policy in Malta.
 Dr. F.K. Liebach, U.N. Trade Policy Advisor, Mr. A. Salmons,
 Financial Secretary, Mr. A. Camilleri, Comptroller of
 Customs, Mr. A. Laurenti, Assistant Comptroller of
 Customs and Mr. Geo. Portelli, Higher Executive Officer,
 were in attendance.

The Hon. Minister of Industrial
 Development and Tourism gave an indication
 of some of the implications of Dr. Liebach's
 proposals for a revision of the Customs

and Trade policy in Malta. Dr. Liebig then expanded on what had been said and gave a full exposition of the proposals. The proposed increases in Tariff for protective purposes and for fiscal reasons were fully explained. The Cabinet agreed to consider the matter further at the next meeting.

OPM. 533/63.

Creation of a Free Port in Malta.

Dr. Liebig explained his proposals as well as those of Dr. Laucht, Deputy Chief Engineer of the Port of Hamburg, for establishing a Free Port in Malta. It was felt that a Free Port would be of great advantage to the economy of the Island. In connection with the area to the South and West of Kalafrana was considered to be the best site for a Free Port, owing to the favourable and natural conditions prevailing there. It was agreed that the matter be studied further at another meeting of the Cabinet.

Emery Dumas
Prime Minister.

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Secretary to Cabinet.
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